

**John Carlyle to George Washington, January 22, 1757,
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FROM COLONEL JOHN CARLYLE.

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DR. SIR/

After I had wrote to Capt. Mercer I find the Wagons Will not Leave The Town before I finish This, In Answer to Yours of the 20th Inst. When I Wrote you & Capt. Mercer I Cou'd give no Guess at the packages Nor coud I tell What Quantity of Wagons Will doe, for the things Under Contract I believe Twelve or fourteen Wagons will doe the other Goods Ordered by Yr. Letter of June The 20th. Such as Blankets, Camp Kettles, Canteens Spare Shirts &c will Take at Least Six or Seven Wagons. I Will Observe Yr. Directions In Sending Up Sumthing of Every Kind & to the Amount of the Number of Men In Yr. Return —

Yr. Brother Mr. John Washington See the Negro's When I purchased & Liked them, & the Owner woud not Take Virginia Paper money at more than Maryland & I dare Say you may Get Bills at 35 perct. —

I am Next to Observe what you Say Abt. the Goods for the Officers, You desired Me to Send for a Quantity of Cloaths & Lace $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ & Inch Wide of one Patteron, I Immediately Sent for a Quantity that I Allotted for 30 Officers & Several other things, & ordered no Cloath Cheaper than 12/6 per Yd. Which is A Good Cloath When Well bought as I Expect this is When Capt. Mercer Came here I consulted him & he made Sum Small Alterations

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Which In my Letter to London by the Next Oppty. I ordered, it Was Not Gott to hand When These Goods Came Away & Mr Bowden tells Me the Gorgetts Sashes &c Which I Suppose to be the Remainder of the Shoulder Knotts Woud Come per Next Ship Capt. Jno. Johnston is dayly Expected, the Subsequent order & our own Goods Amounts to A Large Sum £1500 Ster: & Another Reason I had to think I had Sent for Sufficient Capt. Jos: Lewis, & I think Capt. Mercer told Me they was Supply'd & I doubted not Many other also was their is 36 Sword Knots & I expect the Like number of Shoulder Knotts, Sashes, & Gorgetts, the Lace is by Yr. Direction all of one kind only different Widths, I Never Was Made Acquainted With the Officers Wanting more than One Suit & If I have Lost by Not having Sufficient Quantity, I am Sorry for it, the Dificulty of Getting bills are Such that I was afraid of Exceeding farther; These Times are Dangerous & A Disappointment might be of bad Consequence

As I knew Nothing of the Officers Leaving money In Your hand & Expected to Stay for my pay Sum time & to Cut Goods or keep A Store is Expensive If the Goods was All Taken of at once I woud be farr from Asking one Penny more than the Country pay Me, I can have 125 perCt for Any Single Artickles, & 100 perct. for half the goods (the Shoulder knotts Excepted) but the price I Will Referr to Yoursel If the Officers Chouse any Or All of them, & this You may depend they are Well bought, & Cheaper by 75 perct. Than they Will gett at Philadelphia or any where Else, I am sorry for the disappointment to the Officers; more so than my own Loss, as I Rely Cannot blame Myself having Sent for What I Expected you Wanted, as farr as I thought woud Sell, the only Error Mr Bowden has Committed is the Coursest Blew Cloath 7/6 & Shoud have been 12/6 & as many of the Goods as are Come to hand I think Extreamly Neat & Well bought, Inclosed I Send you A List of the Packages that You May Judge of the Quantity of Wagons Wanted & With Mrs. Carlyles Compts.

I amDr. Sir Yr. Very hble Sert. JOHN CARLYLE

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P. S. I Shall Write you In Answer to yrs. from ft Cumberland In My Next I have not Now time.—J. C.